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Medics give all for field badge

By Jason Shepherd
19th PAD

Sweat, dirt and blood cake the our medics carrying a litter patient with a horrendous stomach njury. They are two miles into hostile territory, and they're trying to get themselves and their patient out alive. The lead medic tells commands as bullets whiz by and smoke fills their eyes. They come to a deep stream in the middle of their path. Without hesitation, they jump in, raising the litter high above their head. With bravery and a lot of teamwork, they get the injured soldier out of enemy territory and into a field hospital where they save his life.

This is just one scenario of many that's played out during the Expert Field Medical Badge Competition, but it's this type of realistic testing that candidates have to go through in order to get his coveted award. This test challenges the physical and technical abilities of medical personnel. They must demonstrate that they can work and survive in simulated combat scenarios. The EFMB is considered by many to be one of the most difficult Army badges to obtain.

"I think it sets medics apart," said Cpl. Alysa Smith, Company C, 101st Forward Support Battalion. "Army wide, it's looked very well upon because of how hard the training is that we have to go through."

This week, about 150 soldiers from Fort Riley, Fort Campbell, Ky., Fort Polk, La., and reservists from the 89th Regional Support Command from Wichita, Kan., prepared for one of the most grueling two-week periods that they would ever have to face. Last year, only 17 percent of those who competed for the EFMB at Fort Riley passed all the phases while Army wide, only 18 percent of medics who tried received the badge. This year, medics at Fort Riley feel they are ready for the tremendous effort needed to obtain the badge.

"We've been training the last couple of months to get tougher," said Pfc. Teddy Rivera, Company C, 101st FSB. "We've been well trained, and we hope we can get it."

With load bearing equipment,

weapon, Kevlar helmet, rucksack and other field gear, the candidates are challenged with seven challenging lanes where medics are tested in many aspects of the combat medical field, a 100-question written test, considered one of the hardest tests in the Army, and a final 12-mile foot march, which has to be completed in less than three hours. The training week was June 3-7, while this week was testing week

One of the lanes is the evacuation and communication lane. A candidate and three non-candidates will load and unload three litter casualties into a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter, among other vehicles. The candidate must follow a proper sequence without causing further injury.

Another lane is the litter obstacle course. In this lane, candidates must maneuver their litter of 130 to 150 pounds through a variety of obstacles including a low wall, high wall, rough terrain, trenches, excavation, narrow obstacle and barbed wire. This lane includes pyrotechnics, small arms fire and simulated nuclear, chemical and biological exposure.

The litter obstacle course is considered one of the most challenging because the candidates have to maneuver the casualties through chest-deep water and heavy brush in all climates.

"I think that everything (in the litter obstacle course) is challenging because it's a tough task," Rivera said. "Everything was tough for us, but the most difficult was the wire, going under the wire with NBC gear with a lot of 'push and lift' and 'don't drag my patient.' I think that was really, really tough."

The third lane is the emergency medical technician lane. Candidates are tested on how they react in a combat scenario, which involves correcting a malfunctioning weapon, treating several wounded platoon members while under fire, requesting medical evacuation support and loading and unloading injured personnel onto an aircraft.

"They have to react to fire," said 1st Lt. Brenda Mancini, officer in charge of the EMT lane. "There are four fallen comrades that they encounter. This is where they need to use their medical

Metz also presented Githerman with a gift of frozen chicken, a reminder of one of the more humorous incidents that happened under his leadership at the close of the Gulf War.

Githerman, attempting to provide troops with a hot meal, was mistakenly sent a truckload of frozen chickens with nothing to prepare them with. The troops, refusing to waste the perfectly good food, roasted the chickens over the tank engines and served them to the men in their unit.

Following his retirement, Githerman will continue to serve Fort Riley at the Directorate of Logistics.

"Today is a day that is both sad and joyful," said Metz. "Sad that we lose his leadership, but joyful that we retain his knowledge of logistics."

"While I'll miss active duty," said Githerman, "I've joined another force of great Americans, the civilian workforce here at Fort



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Cpl. Alysa Smith, Company C, 101st Forward Support Battalion, grimaces with pain as she leads her litter team through a water obstacle during training week for the Expert Field Medical Badge.

skills to save these comrades and send them back into battle."

The fourth lane is the CPR lane, where candidates have to administer CPR to a mock unconscious adult casualty.

In the survival lane, candidates

must master essential survival skills such as performing radio communications, maintaining weapon functions, donning protective masks and equipment to avoid chemical contamination, performing a four-hand seat carry

and carrying a patient on an improvised litter.

The sixth and seventh lanes are land navigation. Given a set time limit, candidates will negotiate

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FORSCOM evaluates Connelly Competition

By Steven Cooke
Staff Writer

Fort Riley Food Services recently participated in an evaluation by the Forces Command Food Advisor for a chance to represent FORSCOM in the Philip A. Connelly Award Competition.

"This is the Super Bowl of food service," said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Cornelius Williams, FORSCOM food advisor. "The Connelly award is the highest food service award in the Army."

Three dining facilities were evaluated: the Main Post dining facility, 1st Brigade Combat Team's "Devil's Den" and 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor's dining facility.

The Main Post dining facility participated in the evaluation of small Garrison dining facilities.

According to Williams, the three main objectives of the evaluation and competition are improving the professionalism of personnel thus providing the best quality of food service, providing recognition for excellence in Army food service and providing added incentive to competitive programs of major Army commands by adding a higher level of competition and appropriate recognition.

During last week's competition, the dining facilities gave it their all.

"We tried our best," said Lee Gasken, 1st cook, Main Post dining facility. "All cooks tried hard and did a fantastic job. Everybody was prepared."

"This was our sixth year in a row participating in the evaluation," said Pedro Mendiola, manager, Main Post dining facility. "There was no real challenge. It's a regular, routine thing to us."

"The evaluator said he liked our customer service and the way we've redone the dining hall with all the new equipment," said Gasken.

"Chief Thomas really did a lot to help us," said Mendiola. "He really went on and beyond to get more equipment."

"[The evaluator] remembered us from previous years and really liked the changes," said Gasken.

The cooks in the Devil's Den

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Githerman honored at retirement, not leaving Fort Riley just yet

By Christopher Selmek
19th PAD

A retirement ceremony in honor of Col. Larry Githerman, assistant division commander for support for the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) and Fort Riley, was held on Ware Parade Field on June 5.

The ceremony opened with the playing of "The Old Thumper," a replica of a Revolutionary War era cannon, fired by Battery D, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment. The Fort Riley Honor Guard, as well as, brigade and battalion colors were also on hand.



During the ceremony, Metz

alone."

Flowers were presented to Kris Githerman, as well as a single rose to each of his daughters, commending them for their hard work and dedication during the years of Githerman's leadership.

"He remains a devoted husband, loving father, caring friend and a true professional by any measure," said Metz.

Githerman received his commission in 1972 as an armor officer, and was first assigned to the 1st Armor Brigade, Fort Knox, Ky.

In 1988, Githerman transferred to the ordnance corps and was assigned as the material officer for 541st Maintenance Battalion, Fort Riley.

"Larry has forgotten more about maintenance than most of us know," said Metz.

Githerman departed Fort Riley in 1992 to assume command of the 16th Ordnance Battalion, but returned in 1998 to culminate his



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EFMB hard to get

By Emily O'Connor
K-State Intern

Expert Field Medical Badge (EFMB) testing is taking place at Fort Riley this week, with 152 total candidates participating, most of whom are from Fort Riley.

"The Expert Field Medical badge is one of the hardest badges to get in the Army," according to Sergeant 1st Class Ricardo Chavez of Charlie 125th SFB. "The difficulty associated with earning the badge makes it one of the most revered badges, too."

Chavez also said that last year,

only 17 percent of the candidates actually completed all EFMB tasks successfully.

The candidates complete two weeks of training before the actual testing. During this time, they are allowed to go through the obstacle courses and tasks as often as they want to in order to prepare for the actual week of testing.

After a practice run through the obstacle course, an exhausted soldier, Capt. Jodelle Schroeder, Charlie Company, 12th Forward Support Battalion said, "The course was very challenging, but this was just practice. Under test conditions, it will be much more mentally challenging."



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Pfc. Teddy Rivera, Company C, 101st FSB, carries his part of the litter on the obstacle course last week during EFMB training.

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ough terrain during the day and night. Medics will have a compass, military map, scale and protractor and a flashlight at night.

The coveted Expert Field Medical Badge is one of the hardest badges to get in the Army, but don't tell that to the 150 soldiers out here who are giving 100 percent to try and be the best combat medics in the field.

"I don't think that getting the EFMB is that hard," Rivera said. "You just have to believe in yourself and anything can happen."

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Capt. Jodelle Schroeder (right), Company C, 101st FSB, with the help of an EFMB grader, prepares to go under the wire obstacle during EFMB training.

Training tough for EFMB testing

By Heather Pope
Radford University Intern

Expert Field Medical Badge testing occurred on Fort Riley this past week. The testing included a written examination, as well as, a vigorous physical assessment of muscle and will power. The final accomplishment is the 12-mile foot march that takes place today.

"The EFMB is one of the hardest badges to get in the Army," said SFC Ricardo Chavez, non-commissioned officer in charge, Company C125th Forward Support Battalion.

Cpl. Alysa Smith, Company C, 101st FSB stated, "I think it does set medics apart, and Army wide it's looked very well upon because

of how hard the training is that we go through."

The purpose of the EFMB is to make soldiers knowledgeable about skills to be performed in combat. Last year only 17 percent of the people who came out for it were actually able to earn the badge.

When it came time for the obstacle course training, one team was a man short and Sgt. Jason Theiss, the "Platoon Daddy," stepped up. Theiss had already earned his EFMB, but wanted to go through with his soldiers. This was just one example of the true camaraderie displayed during EFMB training.

After the obstacle course ended, the soldiers were standing around talking about how the

exercise went. "I don't know if I liked the rocky part or the sandy part better," said Capt. Jodelle Schroeder, Company C, 101st FSB. "You have to know all the commands and react to them immediately," she said.

"I thought under the wire was harder because it didn't seem like you had as much leverage trying to lift it up when you're laying on the ground," said Smith.

Pfc. Teddy Rivera, Company C, 101st FSB, said, "I wanna do it again!"

"There is nothing like a leader being with their soldiers, motivation equals complete success," said Chavez.

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Fort Riley Sports

Junction City Cavalry team member, Toni Houston feels the burn while she does sit-ups during a team practice last Saturday morning at Junction City's 12th Street Park. The team hopes to raise enough money to buy equipment and uniforms before the season begins next spring.

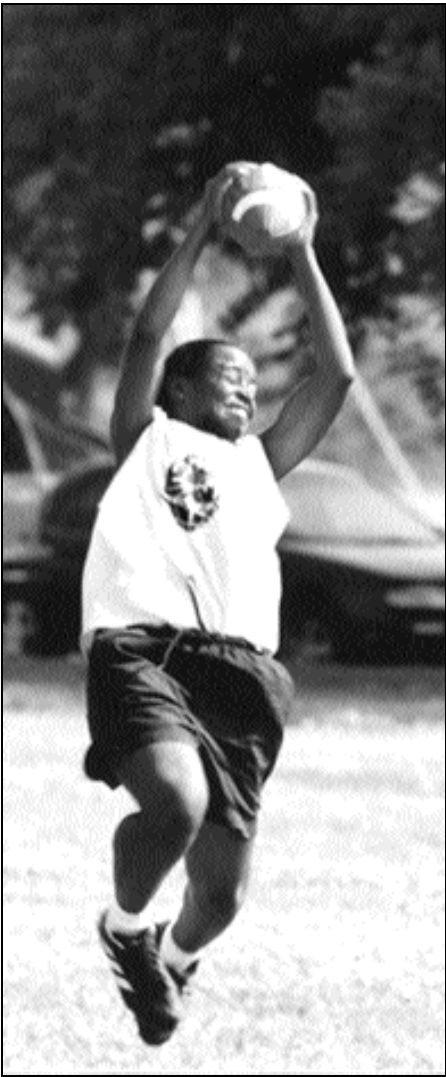
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NWFL



Members of the Junction City Cavalry, a franchise team of the newly formed National Women's Football League, a professional, full contact league with teams in their second year of play on the East and West coasts, work out as they prepare for their first game next spring.



Junction City Cavalry teammate, JJ Adolphus hangs onto a high pass during a team practice last Saturday.

Professional football comes to Junction City

By Gary Skidmore
CMD Information Officer

You won't find J.J. Adolphus at home on weekends knitting booties for her grandchild. Not this 41 year-old grandmother — she's too busy working out, printing 10 yards at a time and doing runches. She is preparing for the opening game of the Junction City Cavalry, a full contact professional football team in the National Women's Football League's newest division.

The team is part of the 2-year-old National Women's Football League, which boasts 22 franchises nationwide. The Cavalry is a new team in the Midwest division, which begins play next spring.

Adolphus, a staffing specialist at the Southwest Civilian Personnel Operations Center on Fort Riley, and 14 other wantabe professional football players are what currently make up the team roster.

There are no uniforms. There is no rainer on hand to take care of the many cuts and bruises. There is no official schedule for practices like there is for a regular professional football team. But, these players are anything but normal.

According to Rachel Madden, team

for this team," said Madden. "Everyone on this team wants to be here. They want to see this team become successful, and they all want to play football."

Several members of the team have played football before.

Jolene Sigler, has played football most of her life.

"I've played football since I could walk," said Sigler, wife of Spc. Robbie Sigler, Company B, 125th Forward Support Battalion. "It's something that gets into you. The minute I heard about this, I knew it was for me."

Sigler, who works at the Boys and Girls Club in Junction City, has always been active in sports.

"I teach martial arts at the club and compete in tournaments all the time," said Sigler who said doing this is as much for her as it is

ter to know she can be anything and do anything with her life," said Sigler.

Adolphus has played on a flag football team before. Coached by her husband, she and her teammates went all the way to the international championship game in Key West, Fla., which they won.

"I wanted to get back into football and found out about the team on the internet. I wrote Rachel and the next thing you know, I'm trying out."

With kids who are 18, 19 and 22 and one grandchild, you have to wonder why she would want to go out for the team.

"I'm fast. I'm a running back, and I want to tackle someone," said Adolphus.

However, not everyone on the team has had an extensive sports background.

Tina Craig, 30, single mother of three has never played football at all. "I played a little basketball and did some track in high school," said the petite Manhattan resident. "I just see me doing this," said Craig.

Craig said she envies girls today because they can play football in mixed leagues.

"They didn't do that when I was in school," said Craig, a graduate of the St. George, Kan., high school. "I'd like to see this explode like the women's basketball leagues currently are."

Shawn Adolphus, the team's head coach and a Chief Warrant Officer 2, with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, feels that with enough

including how to take a three point stance.

"What's a football player look like?" asked coach Adolphus. "Most of our players have no experience and come out here with only a desire to play the game," said the coach.

"I've always been involved in sports, and I enjoy coaching. I actually like coaching women because they give you 100 percent all the time. They don't have the egos men have and they are very teachable."

As the coach, Adolphus believes that by the time they play their first game next spring, his team will be a well-oiled machine.

In the mean time, the team is a little raw. Prior to taking to the practice field Saturday, one player took a puff from her asthma inhaler. Cries for mama could be heard from the sidelines as the athletes warmed up, and the coach warned everyone that although they only practice as a team once a week, he expected everyone to begin a workout schedule.

"We don't know a lot about the sport," said Craig. "but if we hang in there, we'll make it, as players and as a team. I'm in this till the end," said



Servicemembers ‘swing away’ in off-post softball tournaments

By Kevin Doheny
Staff Writer

When they step onto the softball field and into their positions, the soldiers competing in Fort Riley’s softball leagues are forced by the competition to go from being friend to foe.

Once the final out is recorded and the game is over, both teams shake hands and become comrades once again.

These “mini” battles on the softball diamonds at the Fort Riley Softball Complex also give the soldiers an opportunity to intermingle with one another while other games are going on. As a result of some of these between game conversations with one another, soldiers have created a team which travels to different venues throughout the state of Kansas and beyond.

This opportunity gives this bunch of sluggers a chance to not only to represent the Army, but Fort Riley and their individual units.

The Enforcers are a Class D team, which is made up of players from 924th Military Police Battalion, 24th Infantry Division, and 1st Battalion, 1st Field Artillery.

“There isn’t a lot of differences to playing off-post,” said Mike Mondoux, 924th MP. “For the on-post tournaments, the talent is so spread out, you really have to go with what you have. For the off-

post tournaments, you can combine some of the talent here and have a better quality team.”

Just as in past weekends, the team traveled to Salina to compete in a United States Slow-Pitch Softball Association sanctioned tournament, and made it to the second and final day of the competition according to Mondoux. They didn’t win this particular tournament, but in previous tournaments, they have played well enough to qualify for future tournaments, he said.

The off-post tournaments offer special features the players enjoy partaking in. Mondoux believes that some of the players feel these types of tournaments provide more tense moments with a bigger reward. Also, the chance to play with soldiers from other units helps to form more competitive teams; it makes the trips to these tournaments more worthwhile.

“I like playing together with players from other units,” said Mondoux. “It allows you to put together a quality team and get certain people that you know are good ball players. Also, the way we can go out and fill needs at certain positions.”

Even though the off-post tournaments are exciting, Mondoux says he prefers to play on post.

“Honestly, I would rather play on post,” he said. “If I can put together a team here, we don’t have to travel as far, which makes it easier for people to show up.

Don’t get me wrong, I like the off-post tournaments too, because you know you are going to play quality teams, game in and game out.”

There are more local players playing in off-post tournaments than just those playing with the Enforcers. A team from 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, the Trooper Week champions, and the Phat Boyz, a civilian and soldier team, made it to the tournament in Salina, also. Little Jimmy’s, another local team, like the Phat Boyz, with a civilian-soldier mixture, was the highest finisher of the four locally based teams at the tournament this past weekend.

These teams, which combine their talents to battle the rest of the teams from around the state and the country, take their softball seriously.

“To put one of these teams together, you need enough people who are committed and are willing to travel. Also, these tournaments cost money, so it is important to try to find a sponsor. If you don’t, then the money comes out of our own pocket,” said Mondoux.

Dedication and the ability to travel are how these soldiers represent themselves and Fort Riley when they go to off-post softball tournaments. And, just maybe, one of these teams can bring the state title back to Fort Riley again this year.



Mike Saunders attempts to throw out the runner trying to reach first base. Saturday in Salina, the Enforcers made it to the second and final day of the tournament before being eliminated.

Army marksmanship unit hits mark

per.

The USAMU Team, coached by Sgt. 1st Class Steven C. Young, snared second place in the Team Match. Shooters were Sgt. 1st Class Scott A. Boyd, Pvt. 2 Liana L. Bombardier and Staff Sgts. Kyle A. Ward and Tobie L. Tomlinson.

Formed in 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower to raise the standards of marksmanship throughout the U.S. Army, the Army Marksmanship Unit has been a part of the U. S. Army Recruiting Command since October 1999.

The Marksmanship Unit trains its soldiers to win competitions and enhances combat readiness through train-the-trainer clinics, research and development. The world-class soldier-athletes of the USAMU also promote the Army and assist recruiters in attracting young Americans to enlist in the Army, officials said.

For more information on the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, contact the unit's Public Affairs Office at (706) 545-5436.



David Bullard makes the play at first and looks for the runner at third base to run home in a tournament in Salina Saturday.



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Pools open for summer

Fort Riley has four swimming pools, both indoor and outdoor. These pools are located in various areas on post for convenience, recreation and fun. The four pools include Main Post, Custer Hill, Eyster (indoor) and Long (indoor) pools. Swim lessons are being offered throughout the summer. "Our main

concern for the summer is our swimming lessons. We want to teach these kids how to swim," said James West-erhaus, director of sports and outdoor recreation. Lifeguard Edie Hall of the Custer Hill Pool said, "We really try to do a lot of preventative stuff to make sure that we don't, or to help insure that

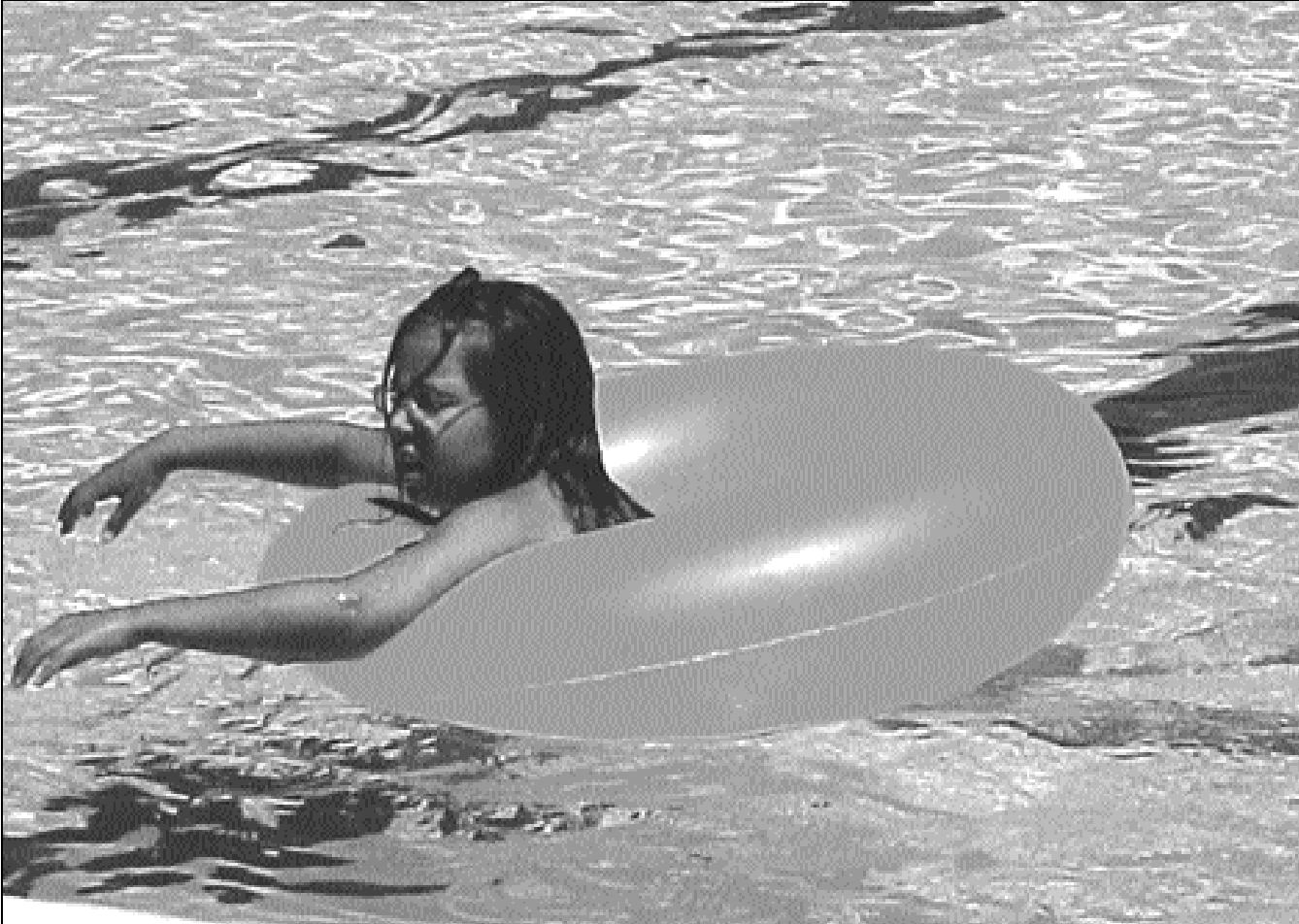
we don't, have to get in the water and make as many saves. We want to fol-low rules that keep people safe so that we don't have to worry about them actually drowning." Some of the main rules of Fort Riley's pools include: 100 percent ID card checks, a two guest limit policy or two guests per ID card, males

must have drawstring shorts and females must have a swim suit, they are not allowed to swim in shorts or street wear, there is no diving or run-ning and a parent must be within an arm length of a child. Parents must also accompany children in lifejack-ets. "These rules are important because

the pools are here to provide fun for families, especially families with younger children, where they know it's a safe environment," said Hall. The daily fees for the pools are \$1.50 for ID card holders, \$2 for guests and children five years old and under are free. For more information call 239-9441.



Prepared for diving, Philip Crawford Jr., son of Philip and Heather Crawford of Ellis Heights, sports his orange goggles in the Custer Hill Pool.



Jordan Merry, daughter of Luther and Stephanie Martin of O'Donnell Heights, floats in a tube in Custer Hill Pool. Custer Hill Pool is open from 1 - 8 p.m. daily.

Historical Territorial Capitol receives renovations, upgrades

By Scott Price
Comm. Relations Officer

If you haven't visited the First Territorial Capitol of the Kansas Territory, building 693, located just off Huebner Road in Fort Riley's Camp Whitside area, you probably won't recognize the place according to curator Gary Dierking. "The Kansas State Historical Society has completely renovated the building and installed new exhibits," Dierking said. "We'd really like to have the local folks come out and see what's new." Jim Patterson, a charter member of the Partners of the First Territorial Capitol, Inc., said that the new exhibits and the renovation cost over \$100,000. "The old exhibits were installed just prior to the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Kansas-Nebraska Act back in May of 1954 and were over 47 years old when they were replaced." Patterson, who has also served several terms on the organization's board of directors, said that the exhibits remained in place for three more years they would have become "technically historic" and state law would have prevented their removal. Later this year, a bronze plaque will be installed that tells the story of Martin Conway, who had come from South Carolina to oppose the

tory of our nation. Unfortunately, until now, Conway's words have been lost to history." In 1991, the Kansas State Historical Society announced plans to close the First Capitol and return the property to Fort Riley, however area residents from Geary, Riley, Dickinson, Clay, Saline and Morris counties banded together to fight the closing. Geary County Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People became very active in the fight to save the site from closing, according to NAACP spokesman Gilbert N. Hammond. "When we realized what was about to be lost, we decided to get involved in a big way," Hammond said. "It was here that men of principle drew a line in the sand and announced to the world that slavery would spread no further." Hammond said that Pawnee City was the only place that he was aware of that a visitor could listen to legislators arguing in an assembly about the morality of slavery, then walk through a town and see men get into fist fights over the issue of slavery and finally, walk down to the Kansas River and see slavery in action. A man named Fox Booth owned and operated a ferry just downstream from the capitol that employed two slave women pulling a skiff across the Kansas

system. The new exhibits tell the story of the settlement of Pawnee City and the people who began to settle the new Kansas Territory in 1855. The site also focuses on the how these men and women got caught up in the new concept called "popular sovereignty," which was when people in a newly established territory could decide for themselves if they wished to become a slave or free state, Patterson said. As a result, in addition to the regular flow of settlers, partisans who both favored and those who

resisted the spread of slavery rushed into Kansas to the newly established territory to politically claim it as their own. Governor Andrew Reeder called the first session of the Kansas Territorial Legislature to order on the bottom floor of the old stone building on July 2, 1855. By the time the session had ended, five days later, over 30 percent of the territory's population had been disenfranchised and the pro-slavery political machine was in control, Patterson said. "Pawnee City was only the capital of the Kansas territory for

six days, but those six days set forces into motion that many historians have argued led to the Civil War," Rues said. "The First Territorial Capitol is an important historic site not only to Kansas but to all Americans as well." Within months, the anti-slavery forces had organized their own government and by that November men and teenage boys had begun dying over the issue of slavery in a territory that contained only 192 slaves Patterson said. This five-year nightmare grew into the political and mili-

tary power struggle that eventually grew into what came to be called "Bleeding Kansas." Many historians believe it was a dress rehearsal for the American Civil War. The Capitol is open Thursday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sunday, 1-5 p.m. The site is closed on major holidays. The adjoining Kaw River nature trail is open from dawn to dusk daily. Arrangements for group tours or after hours events can be made by calling 784-5535 or 239-6727.



Summer camp hosts exceptional kids

By Steven Cooke
Staff Writer

The Fort Riley Exceptional Family Member Program hosted a one-day summer camp June 5 at the Rock Springs 4-H Center in Junction City.

“It’s a day for the kids to get out and challenge themselves,” said Nicole Sizemore, solid risk education program coordinator. And, a special need can be anything from a learning disability to asthma, not necessarily a physical disability explained Sizemore.

“EFMP is a mandatory enrollment program for soldiers who have family members with educational or medical special needs,” said Laurie McCauley, EFMP manager.

The program provides resources to ensure that exceptional family member’s needs are being met both medically and educationally, she said. “We provide different types of social events through out the year like his one.

Other social events have been the Holiday Celebration and on July 20 will be the Junction City Special Needs Rodeo.”

EFMP provides other service also.

“Through out the year we have educational speakers come in to teach our parents, professionals and child care providers on different techniques to help us in taking care of our families,” explained McCauley. “The EFMP office is an advocate for families and schools in meeting the educational needs for children who qualify for special educational services.”

The activities of the one-day camp included archery, canoeing, lunch, horse back riding and swimming.

All nine of the children that participated said they had a great time.

“Swimming is the best part,” said Jeanie Kaechenel, 12. “I like being in the water and I like being with the other kids.”

“Archery was the best part,” said Daniel Madsen, 11. “I get to shoot bows and arrows; it’s one of

the things I’m good at it.”

For Daniel’s 10-year-old brother, David, it was hard to decide what his favorite activity was.

“The archery was the best part, but it’s a tough decision because the canoeing was pretty fun. You get to go in the water, “ said David.

Speaking of getting to go in the water.

“My favorite part was when (Daniel and David) tipped over in the boat,” said Andrew Russell, 9.

The girls seemed to far better at canoeing than the boys.

“Canoeing was fun. (I) felt like we were going to tip over but we didn’t,” said Shelby Sizemore, 8.

“Canoeing and paddling was fun. I was scared to go on the boat, but not anymore,” said Alex Fife, 10.

For Sizemore, the best part is watching the kids have fun.

“I like too see the excitement in the kids faces doing something they normally don’t get to do,” Sizemore said.

Even with all the fun, working with the children can have its challenges.

“The biggest challenge is being aware of everyone’s individual needs and personality. You don’t want to cause a negative reaction,” said Sizemore.

According to McCauley, the camp was a success and may continue next summer.

“I’m really excited. This is the first year we’ve put this on,” said Laura McCauley. “I hope it’s something we can continue to do for our Fort Riley community.”

For more information about the EFMP and their programs Ms. McCauley can be reached at 239-9435. EFMP operates out of the Soldier Family Support Center, building 7264.



Daniel Madsen, 11, and his brother, David, 10, had a little too much fun canoeing at the Rock Springs 4-H Center outside of Junction City during the Exceptional Family Program’s Summer Day Camp on June 5.



Alex Fyffe, 10, (left) and Shelby Sizemore, 8, have fun canoeing at the Rock Springs 4-H Center during the Exceptional Family Program’s Summer Day Camp.

Commissary tent sale today, tomorrow

The Fort Riley Commissary, along with PBO of Kansas City and C&C Produce, is sponsoring a tent sale today and tomorrow at the Fort Riley Commissary.

“Outstanding produce will be presented in tempting displays with pricing to match,” reads the events invitation.

The featured performer at the Fort Riley Commissary sale will be Executive Chef Dan Turner, tomorrow from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Chef Dan will be grilling a variety of vegetables and fruits including; pineapple, cantaloupe, honeydew, mango, colored pepper, home grown zucchini and yellow squash, eggplant, corn, C size potatoes, onions, cherry tomatoes, portabella mushrooms, green onions and asparagus.

Banana splits with a selection of toppings will be served both days, along an appearance by Bobby Banana for fun.

Kansas City’s Joe Miller will be showing off his talent as a balloon sculptor, creating dogs, fruits, hats and more for children of all ages. To make the event more special, steak and shrimp from the meat department will be grilled to accompany the variety of fruits and vegetables. Fruit and vegetable marinade recipes will also be distributed.

According to Alice Miller, commissary employee, on the day of the tent sale there will also be a big plant sale featuring 12 inch hanging flowering baskets, six and a half inch tropicals and mini roses in clay pots, to name a few.

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When the gates open each day of the Country Stampede, country music fans race to the seating area to stake out a spot in front of the stage. Last year, more than 100,000 fans came to the three-day festival.



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Country Stampede attracts country music stars like Chad Brock to the festival. Brock appeared last year.

Volunteers keep festival running

By Gary Skidmore
Cmd. Information Officer

Seeing friends, having fun and enjoying ring-side seats to big name country music performances is why 350 soldiers, family members, retirees and Department of the Army civilians volunteer at the Country Stampede.

The volunteers give five hours a day of their time for the opportunity to hear some of the biggest names in country music perform. The festive Country Stampede held at Tuttle Creek State Park in Manhattan, begins June 27, with the opening party followed by three days of some of the finest country music found anywhere in the country.

According to Mick McCallister, volunteer coordinator, the volunteers save a lot of money by working for their tickets.

"The Stampede volunteer staff is required to perform service five to six hours per day for three days (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)," said McCallister, who said his army of volunteers are very conscientious, show up on time and provide excellent service.

McCallister said that although they don't get paid, what they do receive is worth a lot of money.

"For their dedicated support, the volunteers receive admission to the festival which includes kick-off on Thursday night and

the actual Stampede Friday through Sunday. They receive seating alongside the VIP area seating, a Stampede T-shirt and three meals per day.

According to Wayne Rouse, president and general manager of the Country Stampede, that totals close to \$400-\$450 in benefits.

To get that many volunteers for the Stampede, McCallister begins planning early.

"Starting in March, I dust off my last year's data base and list of possible returnees," said McCallister. "I also have help from people like Mary Pauli of Manhattan who gather her group of 20 or more volunteers and Master Sgt. Ken Barteau of Fort Rucker, Ala.

According to McCallister, Barteau started the volunteer efforts six years ago while stationed at Fort Riley and is still highly active in the recruitment of volunteers today.

McCallister said he then begins the task of contacting everyone folks.

"We have had great success with running ads and requesting volunteers," said McCallister. "Somewhere around 60 percent of the volunteers call saying they saw the ad in the paper.

McCallister said positions for the volunteers are based on past performance and telephone interviews.

"I look for certain information

when deciding on who should serve soda and water as opposed to who should serve alcoholic beverages. Also, we have volunteers returning for the sixth year. Some of these volunteers look forward to the change of pace from their normal jobs and the satisfaction that comes with service to patrons," said McCallister.

"We have had medical professionals, lawyers, mid-level managers, supervisors, college students and many other employment diversities," McCallister stated.

McCallister is in his fifth year as a volunteer coordinator and although he swears every year that this will be his last, he keeps coming back.

"I kind of get jibed a bit when

asked if I'm going to do this again next year, my answer is always "this is my last year. I spend approximately 120 hours prior to the actual Stampede getting everything ready."

"During the festival itself, I will spend from Thursday to Sunday 45-50 hours on the grounds," McCallister said that although he jokes about the long hours and the hard work, he enjoys what he does as a volunteer coordinator.

"I like the change of pace, the challenges of organizing that many workers and the fun the festival brings," said McCallister.

"It's fast paced and exciting. I like the people, we work together to accomplish a huge task," said McCallister who swears again, "this is my last year."

Schedule of Events

- June 27
- 97 Country Kick-Off Party
4:30 p.m. - 97 Country Karaoke Contest
6 p.m. - Dustin Evans
7:30 p.m. - Trick Pony
9:30 p.m. - Montgomery Gentry
gates open at 4 pm
- June 28
- Noon - Heartland
1:30 p.m. - Dustin Evans
3 p.m. - Bellamy Brothers
5 p.m. - Blake Shelton
7:15 p.m. - Lonestar
9:30 p.m. - Alan Jackson
- June 29
- 12 pm - Shevy Smith
1:30 pm - Larry the Cable Guy
3 pm - Phil Vassar
5 pm - Jamie O'Neal
7:15 pm - Trace Adkins
9:30 pm - Kenny Chesney
- June 30
- 12:30 p.m. - Kelli Hake
2 p.m. - Emerson Drive
4 p.m. - Sara Evans
6 p.m. - Aaron Tippin
8 p.m. - Toby Keith

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Health

Call for school, sports physicals soon

Irwin Army Community Hospital is now booking appointments for 2002-03 school and sports physicals. The appointments will be for July 23-25, between 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and 3:55-5:50 p.m. The school and sports physicals appointments are available only to TRICARE Prime beneficiaries. Parents or guardians are required to book an appointment for the physicals through the Fort Riley TRICARE Service Center. No walk-ins will be accepted.

Parents or guardians are strongly encouraged to call and book an school and sports physical appointment for the above athletes. Due to the limited number of appointments, no physicals for Fort Riley Child and Youth Services, Headstart, daycare, or chil-

dren under the age of 4 can be taken during the time of the school and sports physicals.

If your child plans to participating in school sports, Kansas law requires students currently in 5th-12th grades have a yearly sports physical. Before a child is allowed to participate in the school's athletic programs, the coaches must have a current sports physical exam for 2002-03 school year. Last year's sports physical forms are not renewable.

A school physical is required for children under the age of 8 who will be enrolling in the Kansas Public School System for the first time.

A parent or legal guardian must be with a child who is under the age of 18 years to get the physical. Bring your child's yellow immu-

nization card and military ID to the appointment. It is required by regulation that children who have reached the age of 10 must have a military ID card and bring it with them on the day of their school and sports physical appointment.

If a legal guardian is accompanying the child, bring the power of attorney document to the appointment also. Parents or guardians may pick up the physical forms in advance and fill them out prior to their child's appointment. The forms are available at the hospital information desk.

To schedule a school or sport physical appointment, call the local TRICARE Service Center at 784-1200 or call toll free 1-800-874-9378. The hours of operation for appointments are Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

some ringing in your ears. The next morning, hearing should return to normal. People whose work site is in a constant noise hazard area are required to wear hearing protection according to Fort Riley safety regulations. Hearing protection, such as noise muffs, sound attenuating helmets and correctly fitted earplugs can prevent permanent hearing loss.

Symptoms of noise exposure are: ringing or buzzing in your ears; difficulty understanding conversational speech, especially where there is background noise; needing to turn the volume up on the TV or radio and a sense of fullness in your ears.

For more information, call
Occupational Health of Irwin
Army Community Hospital at
239-7042.

New OB Class

The New OB Class is held every Tuesday morning, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., in Ward three B of Irwin Army Community Hospital. A positive pregnancy test is required before scheduling your attendance of the New OB Class. Spouses, or men and women who are the support persons for the pregnant soldier or military dependent are welcome to attend.

Expectant mothers will be introduced to the IACH OB/GYN staff members; fill out their OB charts, review medical and genetic history with an OB/GYN staff member, and will also be provided information on available resources offered on the Fort Riley post or local communities. The New OB Class is not a labor and delivery class.

To schedule your attendance of the New OB Class, call the TRICARE Service Center at 784-1200 or dial the toll-free number 1-888-874-9378.

Cancer support group

The Fort Riley Cancer Support Group meetings will be Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Irwin Army Community Hospital, first floor, in the patient waiting area of the Combined Surgery Clinic. Participants are asked to bring any news articles pertaining to your cancer diagnosis.

Military service members, their family members and Department of Army Civilians are welcome to attend. Participation is encouraged for persons who were recently diagnosed with cancer, family and friends of persons with cancer, and cancer survivors. The Fort Riley Cancer Support Group meeting is usually held on the first Wednesday of the month. For more information call 239-7163.

Travel Medicine Clinic

Irwin Army Community Hospital's Preventive Medicine Service will be holding a Travel Medicine Clinic every Tuesday, 8 - 11 a.m. and 1 - 3 p.m. Military service members and their families who will be traveling outside of the United States are eligible for the Travel Medicine Clinic. Patients are required to have their medical record and shot record with them at the time of their appointment.

To book a Travel Medicine clinic appointment,

please call 239-7386.

“Weigh” to Stay

“Weigh” to Stay is the Army’s new weight management and education program to fight obesity. As of this month, “Weigh” to Stay, is the new Army standard.

The Nutrition Care Division of Irwin Army Community Hospital will begin "Weigh" to Stay classes in July. This starts with a two-hour class that will be given by a registered dietician and the follow-up sessions will continue the education process and offer immediate feedback concerning an individual's progress. There is no class fee.

Fort Riley service members who meet the Army Weight Standard, but want to lose a few pounds are encouraged to participate. Soldiers and their family members will learn the basic principles of weight reduction and exercise and behavior modification. "Weigh" to Stay activities will be analyzing a participant's food and exercise diary and measuring person's body composition at certain intervals.

To sign up for the “Weigh” to Stay classes, call the TRICARE Service Center at 784-1200 or call toll free at 1-888-874-9378.

Prenatal classes

The Women Infant Care Center of Irwin Arm Community Hospital is offering a new series of prenatal classes, "The Gift of Motherhood" on July 19: 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., in the third floor classroom. Expectant mothers between their 12th and 40th week of pregnancy are eligible to attend.

The prenatal classes are free and each participant will receive a personal copy of the book, "The Gift of Motherhood" to take home.

Expectant mothers are asked to bring the spouse, significant other or birth coach. The class is limited to 20 participants. The prenatal classes will continue to be held on the third Saturday of every month at IACH.

For more information, please call Capt. Diane Seuss at 239-7434. To register for "The Gift of Motherhood" prenatal classes, please call the Fort Riley TRICARE Service Center at 784-1200 or toll free at 1-888-874-9378.



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There are military discounts for nine family adventure parks including: SeaWorld in Orlando, Fla., San Antonio, Texas, and San Diego, Calif.; Busch Gardens and Water Country USA in Williamsburg, Va.; Sesame Place in Langhorne, Pa.; Busch Gardens and Adventure Island in Tampa, Fla. and Discovery Cove in Orlando. Special military admission discounts available.

Almond Resorts

Almond Resorts offers two beautiful, all-inclusive resorts in beautiful and safe Barbados. Military/DoD discounts of 50 percent. Let ITR put together a vacation get-a-way.

Marriott Vacation Club

The Marriott Vacation Club is having a military family promotion. The \$89 package includes three days and two nights at a Marriott property in Orlando, Fla., a tour of the new Horizons by Marriott Club and \$100 in Marriott Destination Dollars." The destination dollars can be used for dining, attractions or hopping. Customers must be 21 years of age or older and other restrictions apply. Area attraction tickets are also available through

ITR. Fort Riley ITR will receive \$10 per package booked Further information is available at www.armymwr.com on the internet.

Worlds of Fun

There is a thrilling new ride that lets passengers experience tumbling and it is unique and exhilarating. ThunderHawk swings back and forth in a cradle-like motion until enough momentum takes riders over the top to a height of approximately six stories. Thrill-seekers will find the new attractions unusual, exhilarating ride an exciting addition to the Mamba's 75 mph, 205-foot drop and the Boomerang's 12-story corkscrew scream machine. Worlds of Fun continues to offer a total family entertainment experience, from Camp Snoopy for young children and parents to ThunderHawk and other exciting rides for teenage thrill seekers. The "Spring Special" is still available through June. Prices are nearly 50 percent off the regular admission price in celebration of the World's of Fun's 30th Anniversary. Discount tickets are now available.

Arrowhead salutes America

On the Fourth of July, the Kansas City Wizards will again host the largest fireworks show in Kansas City. The aerial fireworks display will take place high over Arrowhead Stadium at the Truman Sports complex following the Kansas City Wizards game versus D.C. United. The major league soccer game will kick-off at 7 p.m., followed immediately by the fireworks display. Fans attending will once again have the unique opportunity to go down on Arrowhead Field with their blankets and watch the fireworks from the grass field after the game. Discount tickets are available at ITR at \$12 for adults and \$7 for youth 15 and under.

Oceans of Fun

Who needs a trip to the coast when Kansas City has Oceans of Fun? With over 60 acres of wet and wild adventure, there is no need to travel anywhere else. Pack your shades and sunscreen

and head out to enjoy a million gallons of refreshment in the Surf City Wave Pool. Take a relaxing float along the Caribbean Cooler or Challenge the storm of Hurricane Falls family raft ride. Kids will have a blast in Crocodile Isle, complete with mini water slides, spray cannons and Captain Kidd's pirate ship. Grown-ups can get away at Castaway Cove, a pool just for adults with a swim-up cabana serving tropical refreshments. Oceans of Fun is the place to be for summer fun. Discounts tickets now available.

Cruise reservations

Military specials are still available for numerous sailing dates. Authorized patrons can start taking advantage of special military discounts on bargain cruises. Stop by ITR for brochures and information concerning Carnival Cruise Line, Holland America, Royal Caribbean and Disney Cruises. Or make an appointment with Teresa by calling 239-5614/4415.

Six Flags over Texas

"Best of Texas Festival" -Come experience a festival celebrating the heritage and history of Texas that is so big and so grand that it can only be found at Six Flags Over Texas. This summer, Six Flags will have everything that you love about the Lone Star State, with spectacular shows like Austin City Limits, Wild West shoot-'em-up-Rangers & Outlaws and lots of dancing with the Dallas Cheerleaders in Celebrate

Texas and the Apache Belles! There will be plenty of exhibits, animals, great food from around Texas and more fun and entertainment than you can enjoy in just one day! The Best of Texas three-day ticket special, two days to Six Flags Over Texas and one ticket to Hurricane Harbor, is only \$45 though ITR. That's a savings of 60 percent.

Union Station

Science City tickets are now available through ITR. Imagine a city like no other in the world, a thriving metropolis that combines adventure, entertainment, discovery and excitement. Where the ordinary is replaced by extraordinary and the impossible becomes possible That's Science City. The Hubble Space Telescope exhibit is free with paid Science City admission. Discount tickets now available through ITR.

Six Flags, St. Louis

Cultures from throughout the world converge at Six Flags, St. Louis, as the theme park hosts the Six Flags World's Fair now through June 30. Talented entertainers, craft and trade artists and ethnic food vendors share their piece of the world with Six Flags guests, as the theme park celebrates the richness of international traditions. During this limited engagement, a visit to Six Flags is a trip around the globe! Discount tickets are available through ITR.

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Mosquito spraying to begin

IACH Release

Mosquito fogging will begin in post soon because of to the recent rainfalls and standing water creating a higher than normal summer's mosquito crop. Pest control personnel will be applying mosquito adulticide to areas of the post using Ultra-Low-Volume equipment. The chemicals used are EPA approved for control of adult mosquitoes and are not known to be a health hazard. However, individuals with respiratory disorders could suffer discomfort. Therefore, individuals are advised to go inside and close windows and doors as the mosquito fogger approaches. Keep them closed for about 15 minutes. The ULV equipment is used at a very slow speed and is equipped with warning lights and signs. Foggers, walkers and vehicle traffic should avoid the fog the machine emits when possible. Residents on post can help with the control of the mosquito population by checking their own area for mosquito breeding places such as tin cans, old tires, stopped-up rain gutters, children's swimming pools, anything that holds water should be checked. Mosquitoes must have water to hatch from the egg to the larvae stage. Without water, the mosquito's life cycle can not develop. While in the out of doors, do not forget to use insect repellent on exposed skin.

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Fourth Army stop loss announced

Staff and Wire Reports

The Department of the Army announced its fourth stop loss June 6, which primarily affects the field artillery and explosive ordnance disposal specialties. Approximately 175 Fort Riley soldiers are assigned to these fields.

This fourth increment includes three officer specialties and seven enlisted military occupational specialties considered essential to the national security of the United States.

Additionally, Stop Loss four released 13 specialties from previous stop loss announcements.

The first three increments of top loss in support of Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom were announced on Nov. 30, Dec. 27 and Feb. 8.

The first increment focused on Active Army Special Forces soldiers and selected Aviation specialties. The second increment expanded the previous coverage to include additional skills and specialties and to include the Ready Reserve, and the third focused primarily on military police.

Stop loss allows the Army to retain soldiers in the service beyond their date of separation or retirement for an open-ended peri-

od. Those affected by the order generally cannot voluntarily retire or leave active duty or separate from the service as long as reserves are called to active duty or until otherwise relieved by proper authority.

Stop loss does not affect most involuntary separations or retirements, nor does it generally limit laws, regulations or policies that lead to involuntary separations, retirements or releases from active duty.

The Army will re-evaluate stop loss on a monthly basis and use it as a tool to maintain readiness. Soldiers should contact their servicing personnel activity for more details or questions.

Officer Specialties and Enlisted Military Occupational Specialties (MOS) subject to Stop Loss 4 are:

- Officer Specialties:
- 30 Information Operations
- 34 Strategic Intelligence
- 53 Information
- Enlisted Military Occupational Specialties:
- 13C Field Artillery Automated Fire Support Specialist
- 13D Field Artillery Tactical Data Systems Specialist
- 13E Cannon Fire Direction Specialist
- 14E Patriot Fire Control Spe-

- cialist
- 52E Prime Power Production Specialist
- 55D Explosive Ordnance Disposal Specialist
- 96U Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Operator

The announcement released officers with a 48E Foreign Area Officer (EURASIA) specialty from the program.

Enlisted soldiers released from previous stop loss announcements include the following MOSs:

- 81T Topographic Analyst
- 92R Rigger
- 96D Imagery Analyst
- 96H Common Ground Station Operator
- 96Z Intelligence Senior NCO
- 97L Translator (Russian and Spanish Linguist in the Ready Reserve only)
- 97Z Senior Human Intelligence NCO
- 98G Cryptologic Linguist (Russian and Spanish Linguist only)
- 98H Communications Interceptor
- 98J Electronic Intelligence Analyst
- 98K Signal Collection Analyst
- 98Z Senior Signal Intelligence NCO

No warrant officer specialties were added or released by the most recent announcement.

Eisenhower honored today in Abilene

Staff Reports

Fort Riley will take the spotlight this afternoon when they participate in the Eisenhower Center Wreath Laying Ceremony. The event commemorates the Army Birthday and honors former president Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Eisenhower, also a former chief of staff of the Army, is one of only two former CSAs who are not buried in Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C. In accordance with a Depart-

ment of Defense directive, Fort Riley will send representatives to the center located in Abilene, Kan., to pay respect and honors to Kansas' native son.

Brig. Gen. David Gross, 24th Infantry Division's assistant division commander, maneuver, will lay the wreath on Eisenhower's grave located at the Place of Meditation at 3 p.m. with the assistance of CSM Richard Hearron, division command sergeant major. Taps will follow the wreath laying.

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Defense Secretary visits servicemenbers in Kuwait

By Kathleen Rhem
American Forces Press

KUWAIT CITY, Kuwait, June 1, 2002 — Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld told U.S. troops serving here that the global war on terrorism may have begun in Afghanistan, but it won't end here.

Rumsfeld is stopping overnight in this Persian Gulf nation to visit American service members at Camp Doha and to meet with high-level Kuwaiti government officials.

Shortly after landing here, Rumsfeld told reporters traveling with him that he is not here to discuss possible action against Iraq, but to visit nations that are friends of the United States. "It's been too long for me as Secretary of Defense to not have been here," he said.

The secretary will also visit Qatar and Bahrain before heading to India and Pakistan later in the week.

Speaking to about 1,000 troops at Camp Doha, Rumsfeld told them it's been a decade since "the

United States and coalition forces came together here in Kuwait to repel Iraqi aggressions and defeat the forces that had done so much damage to this country."

Now the United States has been attacked, and "once again a large global coalition has come together to defeat the individuals, the countries, the people who have visited such destruction on our land," he said.

Roughly 2,000 American troops are stationed at the desert base, part of about 8,000 U.S. service members in this country that borders Iraq.

Rumsfeld told them they stand "between freedom and fear, between our people and a dangerous adversary who will not be appeased and will not be ignored and will not be allowed to win."

If Americans are to continue living as free people, Rumsfeld said, "some of our number" have to step forward and defend that freedom. "You are the ones who have stepped forward."

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